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University to cut 100 faculty positions for fall 2013

Reduction in staff is expected to save University more than \$5 million

By Max Filby
Editor-in-Chief

The University is reducing its faculty staff by 100 positions for fall 2013.

Most or all of the cuts will come from faculty members retiring, leaving for other jobs or faculty who were on one-year

contracts, said David Kielmeyer, University spokesperson.

Faculty on one-year contracts were previously notified that these contracts would not be renewed after this year, Kielmeyer said. Cuts will come from both the University's main campus and the Firelands campus.

The reduction will allow for the reallocation of \$5.2 million to create more competitive staff salaries and to put toward unspecified "other University priorities," said President Mary Ellen Mazey in an email to faculty and staff Friday.

In response to the cuts, the Faculty Association plans to

send a letter to the administration asking to negotiate the cuts, said David Jackson, president of the association.

"We are completely opposed to this plan, to this process," Jackson said. "We oppose these cuts and if there is a rationale we would like to hear it and we'd like faculty to be involved in the

decision making."

The University is still in the process of finalizing the cuts and is unsure as to how the administration will react to a request to negotiate cuts with the association, Kielmeyer said.

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STUDENTS AND a Wood County Park District employee work together to make a boardwalk for a park wetland.

RYAN BARKAN | THE BG NEWS

HANDS-ON HOLIDAY

More than 500 students participated in Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Challenge

By Danae King
Campus Editor

Anastasia Sweet's dream is to affect major change in the world.

Sweet, a junior majoring in psychology, volunteered at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Challenge for the first time Monday. Sweet said she wanted to volunteer instead of just having the day off like in previous years.

"It defeats the purpose of having a day off if you're not doing something productive to advance his dream," Sweet said.

Sweet was one of approximately 520 students who volunteered for Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year, said Sakina Trevathan, director of the event. This is the fifth year the University has participated in the Challenge, but the sixth year it has hosted an event for the holiday, Trevathan said.

For Sweet, the day has a lot of meaning.

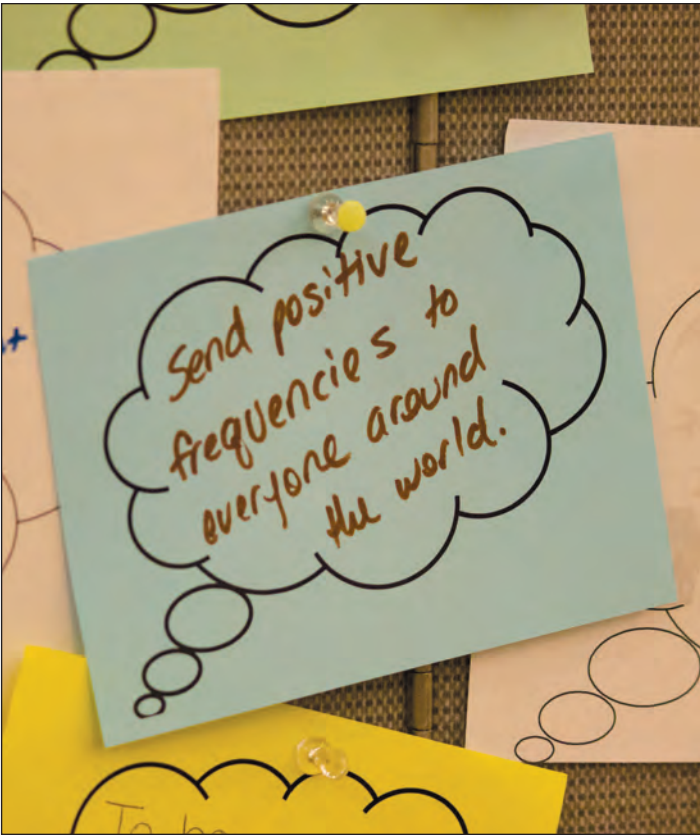
"The day means that I can go to college," Sweet said. "It means I can do a lot of things I wouldn't be able to do if he didn't pave the way for equal rights."

The event was hosted by the University Office of Service Learning and Civic Action Now.

The University worked with about 47 community partners this year, Trevathan said. Part of the goal of the day was to encourage students to get involved in the community, she said.

"[It's important] to build lifelong citizens so service isn't something you do for just an hour a day, it's something you do the rest of your life,"

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DREAM CLOUDS were small pieces of paper available so students could write their dreams and pin them on the wall.

RYAN BARKAN | THE BG NEWS

NATION BRIEF

Inauguration features University alumnus' music

A University graduate's musical arrangements were featured during President Barack Obama's inauguration Monday in Washington D.C.

Ryan Nowlin, who studied music education and conducting, arranged "My Country 'Tis of Thee" for Kelly Clarkson and the national anthem for Beyonce Knowles.

Nowlin is currently the principle arranger for the U.S. Marine Band, also known as "The President's Own," and the University's Falcon Marching Band.

"It was obvious from the start that he was a major talent," said FMB director Carol Hayward in an email.

Hayward said that Nowlin's success with "The President's Own" and the inauguration ceremony has not changed his generosity and warm personality.

"He is very sincere about being able to use his abilities to serve his country," she said. "He is very open about his gratitude for his time at BGSU and the opportunities he had to learn and grow."

Nowlin has also written several original works like "Fanfare for the Centennial," which celebrated the University's 100-year anniversary in 2010.

"I know I was extremely fortunate that he was a graduate assistant in the band program when I first arrived at BGSU," Hayward said. "How lucky can you get?"

THE PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

WHAT OBAMA TALKED ABOUT

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Government	4
Generation	4
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Poverty	2

NOTHING'S EVER BUILT TO LAST

BG suffered its first loss following a six-game unbeaten streak after splitting a home-and-home series and losing to the No. 10 Western Michigan Broncos 2-1 in Kalamanzoo, Mich. on Saturday. | **PAGE 6**



UNDERCUTTING STUDENTS?

This week columnist Kyle Shupe explains why the 100 faculty layoffs will not increase University efficiency and wonders why student tuition continues to increase while educators are fired. | **PAGE 4**



WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY CUTTING 100 FACULTY POSITIONS FROM BGSU AND FIRELANDS?

"I hope those that are left get a pay raise."

Catie Rudolph
Senior, Human Development and Family Studies

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University changes teaching philosophy for undergraduates

Improved campus technology, advising planned for 2013 semester

By Eric Lagatta
Assistant Campus Editor

Through technology and classroom additions, students at the University may be experiencing a learning makeover.

Students in classes like Eileen Underwood’s introductory biology, a course she’s taught for over 20 years, are already seeing many of these changes.

Underwood, an associate professor of biology, is always looking for ways to re-structure her 180-student lecture to make it more engaging for the large class.

She represents a growing change in teaching philosophy throughout campus, as the University looks to reform undergraduate education.

“It’s hard to do activities and hands-on class activities that will help cement learning when you have that many students,” Underwood said. “I’m enjoying the constant change we see in how we’re encouraged to teach.”

Since this past semester, Underwood has introduced learning assistants into her classrooms, undergraduate students who assist in coursework they are knowledgeable of.

Underwood has four learning assistants who help with class group activities. Assistants can better engage the groups in critical thinking,

“These kinds of opportunities really enhance the experience, but also enhance the ability of students to go on when they leave BGSU.”

Sue Houston | Undergraduate Education

Underwood said.

“Students can relate back to them better,” she said.

Such assistants are just one way to reform education by utilizing active learning, said Sue Houston, vice provost for undergraduate education.

“It has the potential to interact well with students,” Houston said.

The learning assistants even provide feedback on the course to Underwood.

Alyse Batvinskas, a junior marine biology major, is one of the learning assistants for Underwood.

Batvinskas, who plans to continue as a learning assistant next fall, has enjoyed applying her major to helping her fellow peers.

“It tests my own knowledge on the subject and it makes me feel good to help out the other students,” Batvinskas said.

These initiatives hope to build off past programs, such as first-year seminars like BG Experience and Connecting the Undergraduate Experiences, Houston said.

Other changes in undergraduate studies

will deal with freshmen classes, as the University will work to link students of the same major to take classes together, Houston said. This will better connect students to their major and school programs, she said.

The University also aims to improve areas such as student advising and campus technology, she added.

Advising can be improved to better communicate with students on what classes they need to take and when, Houston said, while technology such as Canvas is already being integrated into some classes.

Faculty looking to change their courses can also make use of the available teaching grant program, a program started this past spring to improve course structures.

Houston also emphasized the importance of the experiences students have outside of class, such as study abroad programs.

“These kinds of opportunities really enhance the experience, but also enhance the ability of students to go on when they leave BGSU,” she said.

BLOTTER

THURS., JAN. 17

11:46 P.M.
Complainant reported that an unknown person stole a wallet from a purse within the 1500 of W. Wooster St. The wallet contained a driver’s license, three credit cards and one debit card.

12:07 P.M.
Complainant reported that sometime within the last week, an unknown person keyed a vehicle within the 800 block of Third St.

3:26 P.M.
A juvenile was arrested for assault within the 200 block of N. Main St. He was transported to the Juvenile Detention Center.

4:26 P.M.
Complainant reported that a package was stolen from a residence within the 300 block of Sunrise Drive.

8:56 P.M.
Complainant reported that an iPod Touch was stolen within the 500 block of W. Poe Road.

FRI., JAN. 18
2:03 A.M.
Kristopher Lee Kose, 20, of Monclova, Ohio, was arrested for underage possession of alcohol and possession of drug parapher-

naliam near South Church and Pearl streets. He was also cited for operating a vehicle intoxicated, prohibited acts and no license plate light. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

2:33 A.M.
Dalton Scott Vowles, 19, of Toledo, was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia near North Main Street and Parkview Drive. He was also cited for operating a vehicle impaired, red light violation and failure to dim. Vowles was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

5:16 A.M.
A juvenile was arrested on a failure to appear warrant near Jackson Street and East Napoleon Road. He was lodged in the Juvenile Detention Center.

7:59 A.M.
Complainant reported that sometime during the night, an unknown subject damaged the window and screen of a residence within the 200 block of E. Napoleon Road. The estimated damage is \$50.

1:21 P.M.
Complainant reported that in the past two days, an unknown person put an unknown substance in the gas tank of a vehicle within the 1000 block of S.

Main St.

3:56 P.M.
Chad A. Newman, 29, of Delta, Ohio, was arrested for theft/shoplifting within the 100 block of W. Gypsy Lane Road. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

4:09 P.M.
Complainant reported that a package was stolen from a residence within the 100 block of S. Main St.

SAT., JAN. 19
12:46 A.M.
Shawn Gregory Fulford, 18; and William A. Cheatwood, 64, both of Bowling Green, were cited for disorderly conduct/ fighting within the 100 block of N. Main St.

12:56 A.M.
Christopher B. Perry, 21, and Bryant Helton Jr, 20, both of Bowling Green, were cited for disorderly conduct/nuisance party within the 300 block of Campbell Hill Road.

2:00 A.M.
Brandon Michael Ward, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for theft within the 500 block of E. Wooster St. He allegedly tried to leave a business without paying for food. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

FACULTY

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The decision to reduce the number of faculty positions was made after the University compared its staffing needs to that of Miami University, Ohio University and Kent State University, according to a press release from the University.

Despite the decrease in faculty, Rodney Rogers, senior vice president of Academic Affairs and provost, said in Mazey’s email that the quality of education will not be diminished.

“Our priority is ensuring the success of our students, and we are constantly evaluating staffing to meet their needs and operate as efficiently as possible,” Rogers said. “This will not impact the quality of a BGSU education or a student’s ability to graduate on time.”



Ellen Mazey
University President

Jackson said he was not aware of the University notifying anyone in the association about the reduction of faculty before the announcement came Friday.

“That alone shows that there hasn’t been an iota of faculty involvement in this decision,” Jackson said.

While the University is cutting 100 faculty positions, it is also preparing to push toward increasing the number of students at the University to 25,000, Mazey said during her State of the University speech this past September.

“We see a real contradiction in that plan,” Jackson said.

The decrease in facul-

“We are constantly evaluating staffing to meet their needs and operate as efficiently as possible”

Rodney Rogers | Provost

ty positions comes after Mazey received a raise a month ago, taking her salary from \$375,100 to \$382,602, according to a University document featuring gross earnings for the fiscal year 2011-12. Other faculty and staff also received raises that went into affect this past September.

The Board of Trustees also gave Mazey a \$50,000 bonus this past month, which Mazey said she would donate to student scholarships.

Editor’s Note — Danae King, campus editor, contributed to this story.

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MLK

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Trevathan said. “I hope [students] continue to be engaged.”

Chris Diefenthaler, director of the American Red Cross of Wood County, hosted volunteers for the second year to paint the inside of the kitchen cabinets.

“Painting is something a little more hands on,” Diefenthaler said. “They seemed to enjoy it last year.”

Diefenthaler said volunteers are important to the Red Cross.

“The Red Cross has a long history of utilizing volunteers,” she said. “It’s how the Red Cross gets things done.”

Volunteers also helped out at a new branch of the Children’s Resource Center. The branch hasn’t opened yet, so University volunteers joined with local high school students to help paint it, said Steve Jackson, coordinator of

Youth and Young Adults in Transition Programs at the Center.

“We thought it would be a good opportunity for youths to get involved with individuals who are already in college,” Jackson said. “They can be exposed to life after high school.”

SeniorCierraHenderson has been participating in the Day of Service Challenge since she was a freshman, and this year she decided to be a site leader.

The day is important to Henderson, because her grandmother was in the Million Man March with Martin Luther King Jr.

“It’s always a really good day for my family because of knowing they participated in that,” Henderson said.

University students also helped the Wood County Park District build a boardwalk for one of the park wetlands.

“We thought it would be fun for them,” said Eric Scott, stewardship

specialist for the Wood County Park District. “We feel it’s great that people want to give back for MLK Day, we want to give people a chance to do it.”

London Hollins helped build the boardwalk to earn service hours for her sorority with some of her Delta Xi Phi sorority sisters, but the day also means something to her.

“It means a lot to me mostly because I’m somewhere down the line related to Martin Luther King Jr.,” she said. “It means a lot to my family that I’m out here doing this.”

Through building the boardwalk, Hollins learned more about teamwork.

Hollins wasn’t the only one who learned a possibly valuable lesson from the day of service, Sweet also learned something from the day and the people involved.

“[I learned] to always be willing and open to helping no matter what the situation may be like,” Sweet said.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day by the numbers

- 47 project sites
- 90 staff volunteers
- 520 participants
- 5,000 service hours logged

* Estimates according to Sakina Trevathan, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Challenge.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET What do you think about the University cutting 100 faculty positions from BGSU and Firelands?



NOAH WILLIS
Sophomore,
Public Relations

“I feel like students won’t get as much personalized attention.”



KELSEY RUCKERT
Senior,
Geology

“When I was looking at schools, I looked for the most professors. It probably would have affected my decision.”



GABRIEL FREEMAN
Freshman,
Economy

“It puts students at a disadvantage and where is our tuition going anyway?”

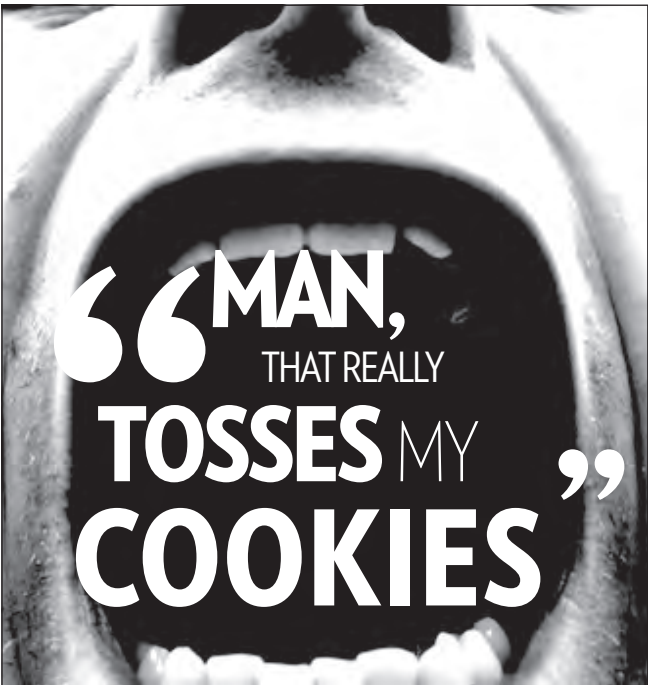


MARIHA GUTHRIE
Senior,
Biology

“That’s a lot of people. It cuts out a lot of options.”

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When I first came to the University on a visit, I was impressed with the new basketball arena and the big football stadium. I thought how cool it would be to see games at both. Having gone to most of the football home games and several basketball games, I have decided to back off mainly due to the fact there doesn’t seem to be many students there going crazy ... in fact it isn’t much fun at all. Watching sports on TV is more fun.
-ZETE

I hate when people constantly try to stick up for their friends who may actually be total jerks anyway. Don’t buy into everything they’re telling you ... it’s probably not true. Don’t be naive or passive aggressive either. I’m done putting up with it. Think for yourself instead of letting someone play you like an old Gameboy Advance game.
-GAME OVER

I want to scream. The absolute worst thing is when you have a friend who ditches you for his or her boyfriend or girlfriend. Seriously? How many times is this actually going to happen? It’s getting pretty obnoxious. Don’t forget about your friends because we’re the ones who will still be there for you after your ass gets dumped.
-SILLY PUPPY LOVE

The flu.
-GOTTA GET THROUGH THIS

I swear the next time I see someone post song lyrics as a status on Facebook or Twitter, I’m going to puke. All of the statuses featuring lyrics from the top 10 pop songs are especially awful. The one that most annoys me is that stupid airplanes song. Airplanes are not shooting stars, that’s life. Get over it.
-DUMB SONGS

I hope we actually do something in class today. It seems like every day since the first day of class has been syllabus day. Come on. I’m not paying for this over-priced education to learn absolutely nothing. I come to class everyday so now it’s your turn to show up with something to do.
-I ACTUALLY WANT TO LEARN

Excuse for faculty layoffs is hypocritical, ineffective



KYLE SHUPE
COLUMNIST

Bowling Green State University has done it again.
Last Friday afternoon, University officials confirmed a plan that seeks to reduce the number of faculty by approximately 100 by fall 2013. That’s 100 less professors and instructors to educate and inspire students to learn.
All the while, the administration under President Mary Ellen Mazey has made it well known they intend to increase enrollment from 16,000 to 25,000 students.
The current student-faculty ratio is reportedly 18:1 but with the reduction of educators and influx of new students, that would increase dramatically to 27:1. This means an increase in class sizes, which can only impede students’ abilities to learn.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Rodney Rogers refers to this reduction of faculty as “right-sizing.” As The BG News reported this past Friday, Rogers explains, “Our priority is ensuring the success of our students, and we are constantly evaluating staffing to meet their needs and operate as efficiently as possible.”
Speaking of operating efficiently, an academic study reported in “The Chronicle of Higher Education” found “that a ratio of three faculty to one administrator would be the most cost-effective balance for universities.”
So, if a 3:1 ratio of faculty to administration is cost-effective and the University is trying to operate “as efficiently as possible,” then why are we reducing faculty and stocking up on administrators?
Who exactly is benefiting from this “right-sizing” of faculty?
Why are administrators more valuable than educators at this University?

What do all these administrators do that’s so important we keep them over our professors and instructors?
Provost Rogers also said the reduction in faculty “will not impact the quality of a BGSU education,” yet the value of a degree from this institution has been slipping over the last three years according to “U.S. News and World Report” where we currently are ranked 103rd.
The reasons cited for this less-than-honorable rating are poorly-compensated faculty and high student-faculty ratios, which are only going to go up if the University stays on this track.
I think our administration needs to readjust its priorities and shift focus back to academia and education.
This intended reduction has nothing to do with efficiently running the University. This is just the most recent attack on University faculty carried out by the Mazey administration.
In President Mazey’s email to faculty, she explained that approxi-

mately \$5.2 million will be saved with the faculty reduction, The BG News reported.
However, with the rising cost of tuition, this year alone the University netted \$5-5.5 million from students. Mazey says the funds will be reallocated to other University priorities, but what’s more important to BGSU than quality educators here to teach?
More in-depth explorations of this anti-faculty sentiment can be found on bgnews.com (just search “faculty contracts”), the Faculty Association’s website (bgsu-fa.org) and the BGSU Students Supporting Faculty page on Facebook.
I can count on one hand the lasting good experiences I’ve had with an administrator of this University but the positive impacts the faculty have provided me have been innumerable.
The University has so many talented, amazing educators and it pains me to know future students will have a reduced opportunity of having their lives impacted by an instructor.

United States is a republic, not a democracy



PHIL SCHURRER
FACULTY
COLUMNIST

Michelle Rhee, the former chancellor of the Washington, D.C. public school system, was featured on a weekend news program several weeks ago.
In the process of making her controversial decision to close low-performing schools, she solicited the input of parents. Much of the reaction was decidedly negative, but she justified her ultimate decision by saying that the meeting was advisory and “not a democracy.”
There’s a good deal of confusion between the terms “democracy” and “republic.” The former term is used a great deal in a wide variety of circumstances by everyone, from teachers’ unions to students to corporate shareholder groups. It’s become a code word for the “voice of the people.”
The truth is, the Founding Fathers were

generally fearful of a “democracy,” which they perceived to be an unrestrained majority or even mob rule. It’s been said that a mob is the perfect democracy: everyone agrees with the same goals and aims. This is the last thing the Founding Fathers wanted.
On September 18, 1787, as he was leaving Independence Hall at the close of the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin was supposedly approached by a woman who asked the result of the deliberations. His reply: “A republic, if you can keep it.”
Our nation is a constitutional republic, not a democracy. We pledge allegiance to flag with the words “ ... and to the republic, for which it stands ... ”
Our president and vice president are elected indirectly, through the Electoral College rather than by plebiscite. The Senate was established to give each state an equal input in the legislative process and would serve as a damper to the House

of Representatives, which was considered to be more susceptible to popular whims and influence.
The justification for a republic ultimately stems from the desire to protect citizens from the tyranny of both the majority and the minority.
The function of government is to secure and protect the rights of its citizens. The government is not the source of these rights. A higher power is. These truths are inscribed in the Declaration of Independence.
The Federal Government should not be in the business of trying to find new powers and duties. The Tenth Amendment reads, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited to it by the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”
It couldn’t be clearer.
It’s quite possibly the shortest passage in the Constitution, yet perhaps the most important, for it defines Federalism. It’s also probably the most overlooked and ignored

clause in the document.
Some think that politicians and government officials should be taking constant polls to ascertain the mood of the citizenry. To them, this is the essence of “democracy.” This is not only inefficient, but also obviates the need for elections.
Winston Churchill once stated, “The nation will find it very hard to look up to their leaders who are keeping their ears to the ground.”
He also had strong feelings about succumbing to whatever current popular sentiment happened to be in vogue.
“The best argument against a democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter,” Churchill once stated.
Alexander Fraser Tytler, an 18th century writer and historian, stated that democracies generally last only 200 years.
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Leadership qualities come from unexpected places



Halo is one of the most well-known games on the Xbox platform. Everyone who plays it knows the dynamics of the game: it's stellar graphics, crazy aliens, all the weapons, etc.

What some people might not realize, however, is the astounding leadership that goes into gameplay. At least one person has to take over and guide everyone to the finish of a mission.

Taking the reins requires a certain set of skills to be successful. Life, like Halo, requires certain skills to be a good leader.

Initiative, professionalism and not necessarily befriending all your underlings are three of the most important skills one needs to implement in order to be a phenomenal leader.

Resourcefulness is vital to being a good leader. If a person cannot adapt to their environment and use what's in front of them or what's given to them to their advantage, they cannot be considered effective in their place of power. Being able to take control meritoriously in different settings is a truly admirable quality. My fencing president is really good at helping us to adapt to different schedules and practicing in different gyms.

With our weird schedule change this semester, he's really showed how much this quality is needed by guiding us through and aiding in our adaptation.

Professionalism is not merely about being the typical CEO in a suit. In order to attain this ability, individuals must have a compatible personality.

Being personable and professional goes hand-in-

hand, oftentimes requiring unique accommodations for one another.

If someone is merely serious and professional all the time, no one is going to enjoy being around them. They will most likely not be a good leader to everyone because most subordinates want someone that they can relate to on a more personal level.

Similarly, being personable cannot merely be about pleasing everyone. If a leader focuses on only being friends with everyone, then there is a problem there as well.

There is a specific balance that has to be met in order for you or anyone else to be a good leader. A really good friend of mine is a perfect illustration of this. Over the years, he has grown into a wonderful example of how to act in a place of power. He's found the perfect equilibrium of personable and professional through trial and error.

In accordance with the personable versus professional dilemma, there needs to be a line drawn between being nice and trying to befriend everyone every second.

A leader is not afraid to step on a few toes if it means they are doing their job right. They are not scared to stand up for what they know needs to get done and potentially lose a person they could befriend outside of a professional environment.

For example, professors have to face this issue a lot. They are forced to enforce certain rules and not befriend every one of their students because they know that rules have to be followed and not every student will like this.

Overall, being a good leader can be tricky. But, just like in Halo, it is imperative that we have marvelous leaders to guide us and show us the proper ways to thrive.

they won't challenge the rulers until the nation is bankrupt.

Then, of course, it's too late.

There is a terrible sequence of civic events (falsely ascribed to Tytler) that is relevant here: from bondage to faith, to courage, to liberty, to abundance, to selfishness, to apathy, to dependence and back to bondage.

That's why it's important to distinguish between "democracy" and "republic." Words indeed have meanings.



Growing up in suburban Chicago, race was never something that was hidden from me.

I remember both black and white students learning about Martin Luther King Jr. as a sort of mythical figure who was universally respected for leading the charge in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s.

Maybe it was because living in that integrated community made me think race was no longer really all that important. Maybe I was too young to understand the greater implications of race and violence.

Perhaps it was my tolerant upbringing that fostered in me the idea that true equality really exists.

In any case, it was years later that I realized, as did all the kids in my community, that although

progress has been made, the omnipresent cloud of racism is always over our heads.

Thinking back to my time in grade school, I'm sure my experience learning about the struggles of black people and all people of color differed greatly from that of my parents and grandparents.

Education is a key component in the fight against intolerance, injustice and racism. It is what shapes such a monumental part of our consciousness.

Our earliest teachers are our parents or whoever raises us. They teach us their values and philosophies of life.

This is also where we learn either tolerance or intolerance. Schools may be the ultimate equalizer in terms of teaching the same brand of lesson to all of their students, but it's our authority figures (almost always family) that imbue in us our values.

That is why racism will not die on its own. Regardless of what pub-

lic schools teach children about equality and togetherness, we all have free will. We have the choice to be educated or ignorant, racist or tolerant, hateful or loving.

Sadly, a lot of cases of racism either go unreported or slip under the radar of the media. Only the most infamous and gut-wrenching cases like that of Trayvon Martin ever make national headlines.

It was a story tearfully akin to the countless reports of lynchings of black youths and men in the Jim Crow South. Surely after the struggle of the Civil Rights Movement, Americans, regardless of their race, have a greater awareness of racism and a greater desire for social justice in these cases.

But if we're in search of an incident of racism or a hate crime, we need not look any further than our own doorsteps. Several months ago, the University men's basketball coach Louis Orr was the victim of hate crime in which several uniden-

tified individuals took chalk and drew swastikas on his driveway.

In public restrooms from Ohio to Iowa, Georgia to Pennsylvania, I've read more racial slurs and statements than I could ever hope to count.

In 21st century America, is racism really less prevalent?

Or would we simply rather deny its existence in order to preserve in our minds the so-called "modern" nature of our society?

So when this Martin Luther King Day passes, and when Black History Month comes in February--we should not let times we reflect on the racial realities of our diverse society be relegated to a day, a month or a year.

If our goal is really to forge ahead and create a better world for our children, then we must fight for it every day. As Edmund Burke said so frankly, "The only thing necessary for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing."

Te'o, Steubenville show issues with social media



Stop me if you've heard this one.

So a Notre Dame football player and his girlfriend walk into a bar. Just kidding, there's no bar and the girlfriend doesn't exist.

Manti Te'o didn't win the Heisman Trophy, but if there were an ESPY award for the most bizarre sports story of the year, the senior defensive standout would have earned all four nominee slots.

If you're waking up from a coma — first off, congratulations — let's recap.

Te'o had a girlfriend he'd met a few times who supposedly died following complications of leukemia. They mostly interacted online, him playing his season in Notre Dame and her undergoing treatment in California. Incredulous and long story

short, the two never met, she never existed, the world is mostly convinced he made her up for publicity (for which he received a lot of following her "death") and he claims he was duped.

The investigation by Deadspin.com, a sports news website, delved into the tangled mess of social media accounts involved in the story. Tweets by the hundreds from Te'o, his "girlfriend" and the people he claims were behind the hijinx had either been buried, deleted or saved by other media aggregates.

It's an absolute horde of confusion trying to figure out which accounts posted which messages when, and who the real people behind many of these anonymous accounts are.

Of the beauty and aggravation of technology, these situations represent modern struggles of human development.

Perhaps the Twitter bird logo should be replaced by a

Firebird, the Russian folk legend who is said to be a blessing and a curse to its captor.

Curse indeed. So it was — in a far more serious scenario — the case of the alleged rape of an underage teenage girl from Steubenville High School.

Four hundred miles east of Te'o and the Fighting Irish, two players on the Steubenville football team were indicted this past August after allegedly raping a girl at a series of local parties.

Soon after came reports that the players and party bystanders tweeted comments and even photos of the incident. Eventually, online hackers found a video of some students supposedly bragging and discussing what happened at the party.

For better or worse, we as a society embrace our new-found technology. Perhaps too much.

The question remains of our changing world — how much should people be responsible for their online

messages and identities?

Can Facebook messages or tweets be used as de facto confessions? If so, what about the reality that anyone can conceivably hack into someone's account and post something irreprehensible?

Regardless of what becomes of Te'o or the Steubenville players, what seems obvious is that our society will continue to produce more situations of convoluted online trickery. Worse, people can delete comments, photos and whatever other incriminating evidence exists, far easier than in "real life" — making investigations nearly impossible.

The lesson, therefore, shouldn't just be to "watch what you post online." In these cases, technology only seems to encourage and aid our already-existing flaws or crimes.

We as a society must adapt to face these new challenges, both criminologically and in our daily choices of what to post and tweet.

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majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy ... "

This is what the Founding Fathers feared. Tytler was merely echoing a lesson from ancient Rome. "Panis et circenses:" bread and games. Keep the population well-fed and entertained and

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BG snapped its six-game unbeaten streak with loss to Western Michigan 2-1

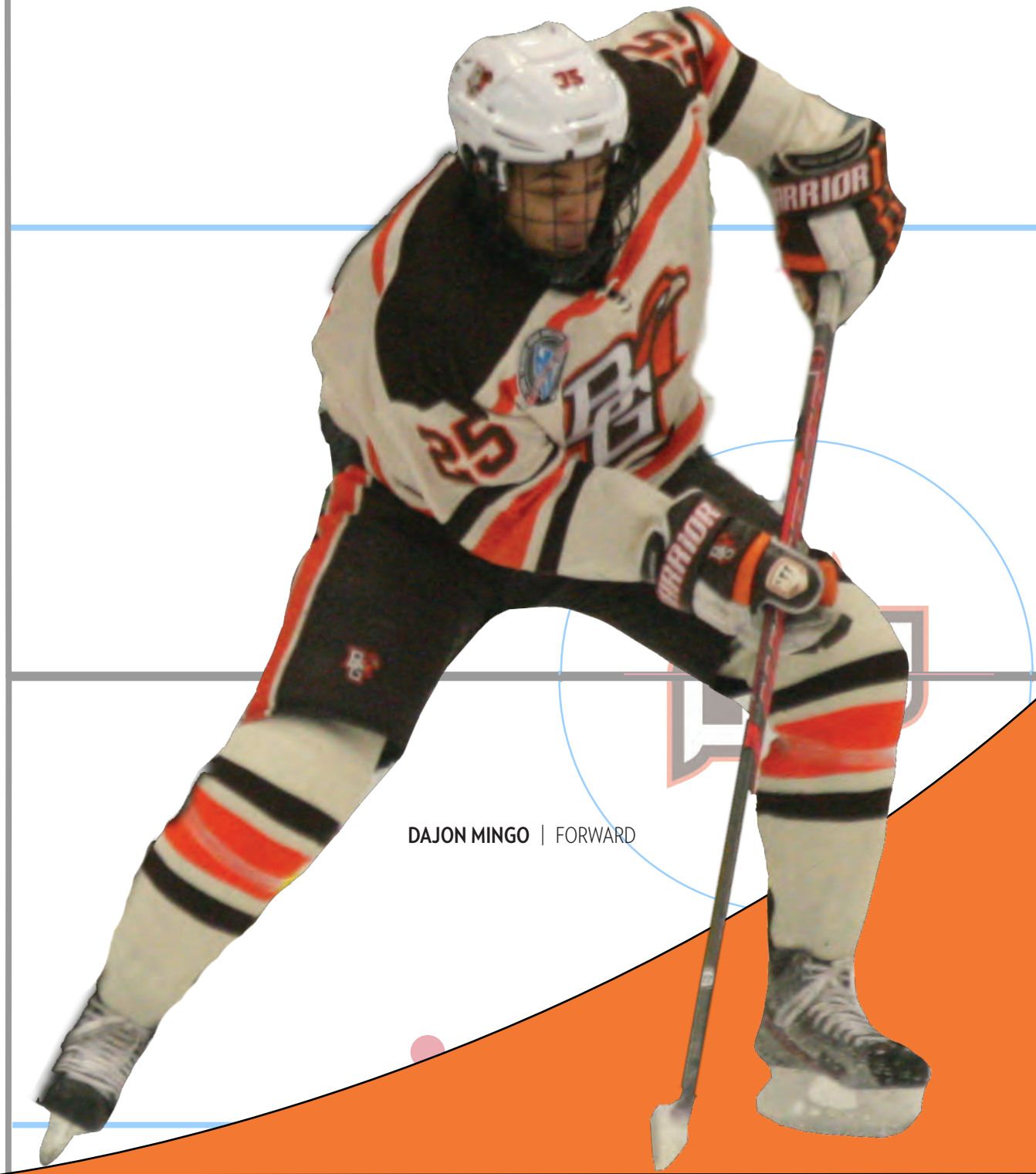
By **Ryan Satkowiak**
Senior Reporter

The BG hockey team's unbeaten streak was finally quelled, but not before it claimed another victim. The Falcons defeated No. 10 Western Michigan, 3-2, at home Friday night to run the streak to six games. The Broncos came back to defeat BG, 2-1, Saturday night. The pinnacle of action Friday night began with 8:27 remaining in the third period. With the Falcons clinging to a 3-2 lead, BG forward Brent Tate was given a five-minute major penalty for checking from behind. In the ensuing post-whistle scrum, Western Michigan's Josh Pitt was given a two-minute roughing minor. For two minutes, the teams were to skate four-on-four and then Western would have a three-minute continuous power play. However, a minute and two seconds into that four-

on-four, BG defenseman Ryan Peltoma was also given a five-minute major for checking from behind. "It's one of those things you never prepare for," said BG defenseman Mike Sullivan. "Every option you have going into a game, you never expect to be down 5-on-3 with two five minute [majors]." Now the Broncos would be on a 4-on-3 power play for 58 seconds, and then would have a 5-on-3 power play for three minutes, no matter how many times they scored. "To be honest, I don't think I've ever seen that, to have two five-minute majors," said BG goalie Andrew Hammond. At that point, Western had already notched a power play goal: a Kenney Morrison one-timer blast from the left point that tied the game at two late in the second period. Over and over again, the Broncos tried to go back







to that play, but a BG defender would deflect the pass. Western would turn it over and the Falcons would clear. Momentum was clearly shifting towards the Falcons' side as BG continued to clear the zone and the crowd grew louder. Western Michigan coach Andy Murray called a timeout to attempt to settle the game down, but it didn't work. Hammond was one during the keys of the run. While the defenders in front of him were superb at blocking passing lanes and keeping the puck out of the slot, he made a number of big saves on the penalty kill. "As a goalie, you're just trying to do anything you can to keep the puck out of the net," Hammond said. "The longer you go, the more momentum you start to build and feel good about the penalty kill." With just less than two and a half minutes to go

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DAJON MINGO | FORWARD

Results during streak

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	1/06/13 3-2
	1/08/13 5-1
	1/15/13 4-2
	1/18/13 3-2

Women's basketball defense dismantles Ohio

Falcons rout Bobcats 67-41 for its third MAC win

By **Max Householder**
Reporter

The BG women's basketball team started conference play on the road with a bang, beating Ohio University 67-41. With the win, the Falcons have now won two in a row since their loss to Toledo and are 3-1 in conference. Everyone played a role in the win as all 10 players on the roster had at least two points and an assist each. BG had just one player in double digits, guard Miriam Justinger who had 13 points. It also had several others close to double digits as both Chrissy Steffen and Allison Papenfuss put up nine points apiece. Justinger was the catalyst for the Falcons and initiated the early 10-0

lead when she scored eight of her thirteen points. For the game, she was five of nine shooting with a 55 percent shooting rate. After the 10-0 start, BG kept the Bobcats out of reach, suffocating them with strong defense and great shooting. The Falcons, led by Justinger, shot just over 58 percent in the first half and 48 percent for the game. Compared to the Bobcats, the effort of BG's bench is what made the difference. The Falcons had all 10 players score compared to just five of the Bobcats. The bulk of Ohio's scoring came from three players, Kiyonna Black, Symone Lyles and Erin Bailes

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Men's basketball falls short again in closing minutes

Falcons drop second straight MAC game at Buffalo 68-65 after halftime lead

By **Alex Krempasky**
Assistant Sports Editor

Despite being ahead by 12 points during the first half and having three players score in double figures, the Falcons fell to Buffalo 68-65 on Saturday. The Falcons' record dropped to 6-11 (1-3) and Buffalo's record improved to 6-12 (3-1). Seniors A'uston Calhoun and Jordan Crawford as well as sophomore Chauncey Orr scored 16, 18 and 14 points respectively in the loss at Buffalo. The Falcons led by as much as 12 points in the first half and led 33-25 at halftime but they fell apart during the second half. BG did not score a field goal in the final 5:45 in the game, which led



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LUKE KRAUS guards an Eastern Michigan forward. Kraus had two points in the Falcons loss at Buffalo.

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MARIA MEREDITH leads the pack during the BG home meet. Meredith competed for the Falcons at Michigan Saturday.

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Track and field compete at Michigan

Falcon team runs, jumps, throws as individuals against four Michigan schools, led by Pleger, Weimer

Cameron Teague Robinson
Reporter

Members of the BG Track team competed in the Harvey-Simmons Invitational at the University of Michigan Saturday afternoon. There were no team scores at the meet, but the other competing schools came from Michigan, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Detroit. The Falcons were highlighted by another win from Brooke Pleger in the weight throw. Pleger set another personal best

Saturday with a throw of 61-feet-10.25 besting her throw from just last week of 61-feet-7. Her throw was more than four feet further than any other competitor. Her throw was the fourth best throw in the Mid-American Conference this year. “It was great to see Brooke continue to win and improve,” head coach Lou Snelling said. “She is close to breaking through to the next tier of performance.” Although the Pleger highlighted the meet, the weight group threw

well as a team. Kayla Velasquez for the Falcons was behind Pleger with a fourth-place finish in the weight throw, posting a mark of 51-feet-11.25. Nicolette Johnson finished behind Velasquez for a sixth place finish with a throw of 50-feet-5.5. Dana Gates placed fifth in the long jump with a jump of 17-feet-1.25 with Krystin Reiser behind her in tenth place with a jump of 15-feet-9. In the track events the Falcons were led by senior Allison Weimer who

placed third in the 400 meter dash with a time of 58.52 and Taylor Rambo who finished fifth with a time of 59.46. The Falcons rounded out the top six with Felicia Jefferson with a time of 59.99. The 1600 relay team consisting of Natalie Sommerville, Taylor Rambo, Felicia Jefferson and Demetra Taylor placed third with a time of 3:59.01. They had two runners place in the top five in the

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CHYNNA DENNY | THE BG NEWS

ALEXIS ROGERS holds off a defender to get into position for a pass.

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each scored in double-digits. Their efforts combined accounted for 35 of Ohio's 41 points. The Falcons' defense also had an effect on the Bobcat's struggles holding them to a 29.4 shooting percentage. The Falcons held them to only six made field goals which allowed BG to get out to the early lead. Their defense also had 10 steals compared to only four giveaways themselves. This effort led to many fast break opportunities which included

a layup late in the first half that gave the Falcons a 36-17 half-time lead. While the Falcons do have a loss in conference play, their defense has never wavered. Throughout four contests, BG is holding conference opponents to 40 points per game and has yet to give up a 50 point game. The closest to 50 points was Toledo when it put up 48 in the January 13th matchup. Along with keeping MAC opponents under 50, BG is currently undefeated when scoring over 60 points. The Falcons are a perfect 12-0 when they get over that 60 point margin.

MAC East Standings	conference	overall
Akron	3-1	12-5
BG	3-1	12-5
Miami	3-1	11-6
Buffalo	3-1	5-12
Ohio	0-4	5-11
Kent St.	0-4	2-15

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to its collapse against the Bulls. Sophomore Richaun Holmes made the most of the 17 minutes he played by recording two blocks against the Bulls and is now ranked No. 21 nationally with 2.71 blocks per game and No. 25 nationally with 46 total blocks. Senior Luke Kraus played a total of 30 min-

utes off the bench and scored two points off the two shots he attempted in the loss. Kraus replaced sophomore starter Anthony Henderson who only played 12 minutes. BG had a chance to tie the game up to send both the Buffalo and Miami games into overtime but Crawford missed three-point shots in both losses. During the game against Buffalo, Crawford joined the 1,000-point club. He became the 41st player in

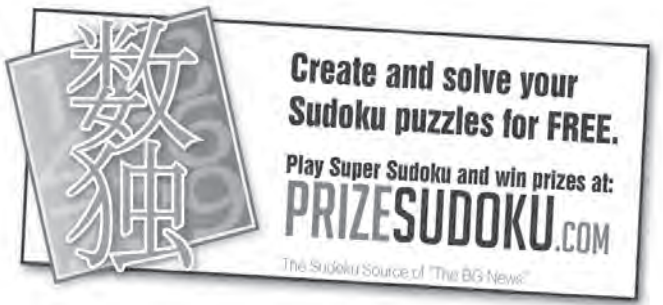
program history to do so. Calhoun reached the 1,000 career point mark earlier this season. BG leads the Mid-American Conference in lowest turnovers per game with 12.4. Toledo is the next lowest with 12.8 turnovers per game. The Falcons next game is Wednesday at the Stroh Center against the 11-7 (2-2) Kent State Golden Flashes at 7 p.m. BG will travel to Toledo on Saturday to take on the 6-9 (2-2) Rockets.

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in the third period, Ben Murphy — who was serving Peltoma's penalty — stepped out of the box. Shorthanded for nearly six minutes with a one-goal lead late in the third period, BG had successfully killed off both penalties. “Our guys stuck to the process, they were communicating and were in shot lanes, and for the most part, I think they let [Hammond] see pucks that he is supposed to see,” said BG coach Chris Bergeron. “When your best penalty killer is your goaltender, you have a chance to have a decent penalty kill.” Western got on the board first with a late first period goal from Chase Balisy, who hammered home a rebound after a shot from Shade Berschbach rang off the post. BG briefly went ahead in the second period thanks to a pair of goals, one from Mark Cooper and the other from Ryan Carpenter. The Falcons went ahead for good just more than five minutes into the third period when Dajon Mingo knocked in a loose puck that resulted from Sullivan's point shot hitting a Western Michigan defender.

“Their forward did a great job of blocking the shooting lane so I just kind of shot it to the right of the net,” Sullivan said. “Luckily it hit one of their defenseman's skates and went right to Mingo.” Saturday night, completing the back end of the home-and-home series in Kalamazoo, the Falcons were able to get on the board first, but could not muster much else against Broncos' goalie Frank Slubowski in a 2-1 loss. The Falcons had 19 shots in the game, compared to Western Michigan's 35. Both goalies were strong — Hammond made 33 saves and Slubowski turned away 18 shots. Carpenter scored his second of the weekend and 10th goal of the season midway through the first period. After Slubowski made the initial save, the puck bounced off Carpenter and went into the net. The goal was upheld by video review. Western Michigan scored in each the second and third period, with Mike Leone scoring the game winner with just more than seven minutes to go in the third. The Falcons return to the ice this weekend with a pair of games at Miami University. The RedHawks are ranked No. 6 in the nation.

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A BG high jumper clears the bar during the BG home meet.

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200 meter dash as well. Allorian Horne finished sixth with a time of 26.05 and Brittany Sinclair was right behind in seventh place with a time of 26.15. “As a team, we saw some good efforts and gained much needed experience today,” said coach Snelling. “As a whole, we

have a lot of work ahead to get this program where it needs to go.” The Falcons will look to continue improving as a whole when they come back to BG for their second home meet of the season Friday. The Tom Wright Classic will take place in the Perry Field House with the field events beginning at 5 p.m. and running events at 6 p.m.

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47 Ones who make you chuckle
48 Ones who make you guffaw
50 Prom hairstyle
51 Natural gas component
52 "Continue ..."
53 Where work piles up
58 "Little" girl in "David Copperfield"
60 Vegas figures
62 Fawning critter
63 Catch red-handed
64 "I didn't need to hear that," in texts
65 Senator's assent
66 Free
67 Dollar bill portrait artist
68 Had a little lamb
69 Musical study place
70 Devotee
71 Vicinities
48 Small, hand drum
49 Storage space
50 Kind of absorber
52 Beggar's request
53 Type of tide
54 Christian of fashion
55 In a little while, old-style
56 Christmas season

ANSWERS

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